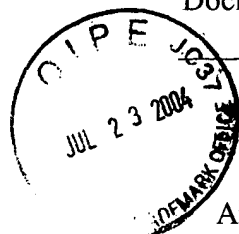


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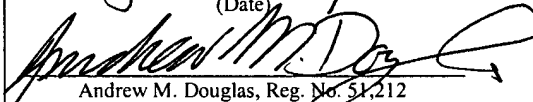


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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Preliminary Amendment in 14 pages.
- (X) Five (5) sheets of drawings
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper. The attached sheets of drawings include new Figures 2A, 2B, 2C, and 2D.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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